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## Chain Reaction

### U.S. Army Chief of Staff visits Grafenwoehr

(Left) Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, spent some time talking with Soldiers at the 7th Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Grafenwoehr, Germany May 12.

(Below) Addressing the students of Primary Leadership Development Course Class 07-05, Schoomaker asked "What can I learn here?" and then he told the 294 U.S. and 35 Polish, Albanian, and Slovenian students, "The most important thing is leadership."



The nature of war has not changed much, as it is still a battleground of contrasting will and ideas, with competing (and deadly) weapons and tactics...war is human interaction fraught with danger and violent results. But what has changed significantly -- at least in the US Army -- is the way we prepare for and conduct warfare....the way we train for combat! We are now mixing kinetic and non-kinetic activities like never before, we are balancing combat operations with information operations in a manner that we would not have understood ten years ago, and we are ensuring our soldiers and our units conduct the kinds of operations in training before they are asked to conduct those same types of operations in a combat environment. For all of these reasons, it is critical that those who plan and execute training -- our NCO and Officer leaders, and the

## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

### CG says 'smart leaders will read regulation before training events'

commanders of our units -- have the best guidance as to what they should expect from their soldiers as they lead them into the challenging environments that is combat.

A few months ago, the USAREUR Commander tasked the Expeditionary Training Center with rewriting a key document that provides the kind of guidance we need to execute operations on the current battlefield. General Bell gave very specific instruction: Make this

document -- Army in Europe Regulation 350-1 (better known by all commanders as "AE 350-1") -- a document that Commanders and Leaders can use as a guide to best prepare their soldiers for the demands of this mission... the War on Terror! We'll be conducting the Global War on Terror for several years, he reasoned, so it is critical we give commanders the tools that will best help

them win their fight!

So taking combat observations, experience from returning veterans, an analysis of the needs of our forces and the way our enemies were conducting operations, and adding the most up-to-date training methods and transformation requirements (as well as composite risk management techniques to protect our force in peacetime

training and combat

operations), we've rewritten a new regulation. This "reg" -- which gives the USAREUR Commander's guidance on training

for Soldier through Joint Task Force -- helps commanders (and leaders) to better plan how their soldiers will train on the variety of tasks that we all face on the modern battlefield.

The smart Commander will read this regulation cover-to-cover before he

or she plans unit training events. The even smarter NCO or junior leader will read this regulation cover-to-cover to understand the standards that must be met, to get ideas for sergeant's time training, to garner professional development requirements, and to ensure personal growth.

Check out this regulation from your S3 section, borrow one from your unit training room, ask your CSM's about it...or go to the USAREUR web-site and download it yourself. In reading through this document, you'll be surprised as to how you can get information on everything from close-quarters marksmanship, Sergeant's Time Training and reflexive fire techniques all the way to how to prepare a JTF for combat.

Those are just some of the things we're doing, so those are some of the many things USAREUR soldiers should be training on.

Train to win...and see ya on the highground!

*Mark P. Hertling*  
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Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

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*During training at Grafenwoehr Training Area, a combat engineer from 54th Engineer Battalion conducts a manual breach of an enemy minefield using C-4 explosives and Modern Demolition Initiators (MDI)*

Photo by Dennis Johnson, 130th Engineer Brigade






*U.S. and Russian Soldiers ready to breach a building at a Grafenwoehr Training Area MOUT site. U.S. and Russian Soldiers trained together recently at the 7th Army Training Command's Expeditionary Training Center.*

Photo by Paula Guzman





**Sgt. Scot Cameron**, medical equipment repair specialist, 226th Medical Logistics Battalion, Miesau, Germany, conducts a pre-fire inspection before firing his M4 weapon during the Small Arms Master Marksman Course at Grafenwoehr Training Area.

As SAMMC participants look on, an instructor checks their target following the M4 zeroing round.



Story by Susan Perron  
Photos by Paula Guzman

# WARRIOR STYLE

## *Master Marksman Course ensures weapon proficiency*

In the pursuit of Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston's vision that "Every Soldier is a Rifleman," the Small Arms Master Marksman Course recently welcomed 22 noncommissioned officers to the Expeditionary Training Center to teach them the fundamentals of seven different small arms weapons.

The goal of SAMMC is to transform NCOs from a small arms marksman to unit expert.

"We are in an Army where every Soldier is a Warrior," said Command Sgt. Maj. William Ellenburg, Jr., ETC & 7th ATC. "This course gives NCOs a tool for their ruck sacks to ensure they are proficient on all the small weapons systems, but more importantly, that they can be competent to teach and train their Soldiers and unit leadership on these skills," he said.



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Ellenburg added the greatest task to accomplish as NCOs is to ensure all Soldiers are prepared and ready to execute “Any Mission, Any Where” regardless of military occupation specialty.

“This can only be accomplished if we are first competent in all areas, and SAMMC greatly enhances our proficiency to train and lead our Soldiers,” the CSM said. “We cannot ever return to the philosophy of ‘if you know your MOS, you’re trained.’”

Soldiers’ basic battlefield tools are their individual weapons systems and other small arms weapons found in their unit.

“Every Soldier must be prepared and trained to identify, react and place effective fire to destroy the enemy,” said Sgt. Maj. Antonio Reyes, ETC & 7th ATC Directorate of Training. SAMMC produces small arms subject matter experts who from the nucleus of experts that conduct company marksmanship training programs, Reyes said.

Lessons learned from battlefield observations show that small arms weapons proficiency is the key to our survival in the Global War on Terror.

“For our Soldiers to effectively employ these small arms weapons, unit small arms training programs must rigorously teach marksmanship from the basics of rifle marksmanship to the advanced stages of target engagements,” Reyes said. “SAMMC provides units with a small arms subject matter experts capable of

**(Left) Staff Sgt. Charles Holland, construction equipment noncommissioned officer in charge, 54th Engineer Bn., Bamberg, Germany, and fellow Soldier fire an M9 pistol.**



**Staff Sgt. Brandon Tapia, infantryman, 7th Army Training Command, SABOT Academy, assists Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Haskins, infantryman, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany, zero his M4 weapon.**

**A**ll soldiers are warriors -- prepared, trained and fully equipped for the joint fight. Soldiers enable the joint force by destroying the enemy in close combat, and by resolving conflict and restoring the peace.

Warrior Ethos



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establishing and helping the unit leadership execute these comprehensive unit marksmanship programs.

The USAREUR standard is one SAMMC graduate per battalion while the goal is to have one graduate per company-sized unit.

"The current USAREUR priority is on providing Combat Support and Combat Service Support units the capability of enhancing their weapons training program," Reyes said. "This is turn will enhance the overall lethality of the entire force."

Staff Sgt. Timothy Holden, SAMMC

instructor, said SAMMC is important because there are so many Soldiers deploying and being required to perform duties outside their normal, routine jobs, and these soldiers are not prepared for what they will see down range.

"We get students who arrive with limited or no knowledge of weapon systems and other subjects covered in this course, but are excited about the course and ready to learn from the day they arrive," Hogan said. By the time graduation rolls around, Hogan said instructors feel a sense of accom-

plishment knowing they have trained a Soldier to be more prepared to accomplish their mission.

Diversity is the key, said Ellenburg.

"We must continue to train our Soldiers to be proficient in all areas," Ellenburg said. "Our NCO Corps, the greatest in the world, will continue to train and mentor the greatest Soldiers in the world to be successful in any future mission."

(Perron is a volunteer with the Expeditionary Training Center & 7th Army Training Command Public Affairs Office, Grafenwoehr, Germany.)



Soldiers prepare to fire their M4 weapon during the Small Arms Master Marksman Course at Grafenwoehr Training Area.



A Soldier fires his M2 machine gun during a qualification round as part of the Small Arms Master Marksman Course.

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Spearheading the division back into gunnery, the Blackhawks’ field rotation served a dual purpose.

Primarily, the intent was to train M1A1 Abrams tank and Bradley Armored Fighting Vehicle crews individually and by platoon. This was done through gunnery tables VIII and XII, the only two tables - levels of training – some might say that matter.

“This is where we test our proficiency in our vehicles,” said Staff Sgt. Armando Mendoza, Bradley commander, Comanche Troop 1st AD, 1st Squadron, 1st Cav. Rgt., adding that the other tables “are just practice.”

“The second benefit coming from the rotation is providing information for the division on what we’ve learned,” said Lt. Col. John Peeler,

*A M1A1 Abrams Tank from 1st Armored Division’s Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, fires a round from its 120mm main gun during its biannual Tank Table XII Gunnery in Grafenwoehr, Germany.*

Story by Sgt. Christopher Stanis and Mindy Anderson  
Photos by Sgt. Christopher Stanis



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commander, 1st AD, 1st Squadron, 1st Cav. Rgt.

**“The overall training experience while we were deployed to GTA for our Level I Gunnery rotation was extraordinary,”** Peeler said. “The support from both the 7th ATC and the 409th BSB with regard to training and quality of life was top-notch.”

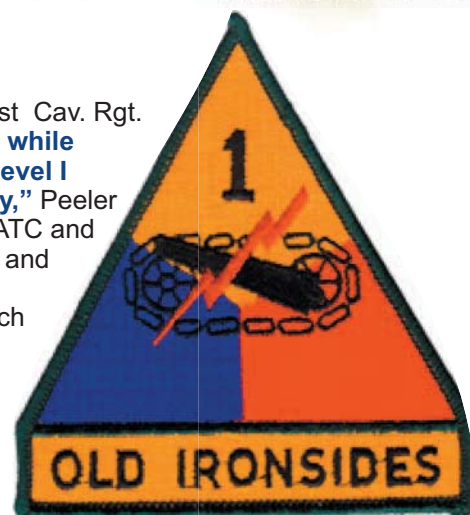
Peeler said the team effort approach and customer oriented focus at the Expeditionary Training Center facilitated the conduct of realistic, high quality training for the Soldiers of his squadron. “It was a great way to kick off the retraining phase of R4 for the 1st Armored Division.”

Soldiers benefited from the conditions that were set at ETC as well as the professionalism and efficiency set forth by the Observer/Controllers at the Combat Maneuver Training Center.

“The O/C support during CMTC Live Fire was truly a training multiplier,” Peeler said. “They quickly teamed with the Squadron, coordinating with our staff and commanders to ensure all training resources were in place and objectives were met.”

“They consistently provided the Squadron Command Sergeant Major and me with assessments and valued feedback of our execution of training. Command emphasis was clearly present -- from the 7th ATC commanding general to the CMTC COG, and on down the line--to ensure the training was first quality,” he said.

In addition, Peeler said at Troop level, the O/Cs made important observations and took the time to coach and mentor whoever they were covering without interfering with broader training objectives.



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With ETC support, we set the standard for what gunnery needs to look like, the squadron commander continued.

A gunnery rotation lasts about 30 day.

Table VIII qualification is based on 10 target engagements – six daytime and four nighttime scenarios.

“A crew has to complete seven Ts or Ps (Trained and Needs Practice), hit one (nuclear, biological and chemical) engagement and two nighttime engagements to qualify,” said Mendoza.

The other tables include firing various combinations of the vehicles’ weaponry. The M1A1’s arsenal includes two M240 7.62mm machine guns – one that is coaxial (COAX) and one that is mounted on the loader’s hatch but also capable for dismounted operations – a .50 caliber machine gun and the 120 mm main gun. The Bradley packs a M240 COAX machine gun, two anti-armor TOE missiles and the 25 mm main gun.

An extra incentive for the Iron Cavalrymen to excel on Table VIII is the “Top Gun” designation. This goes to the tank and Bradley crew that shoots best during Table VIII.

“This is decided by who has the most Ts,” explained Sgt. Donald Smith, a Bradley gunner with Charlie Troop. “If more than one gun has the same number of Ts they go by kill times (how quickly a crew knocks down a target.)”

The squadron commander captured the honors in the Bradley, with his gunner, Sgt. Bryan Laessle, and driver, Spec. William Steaman.

Apache Troop’s tank A-22 also entered the winners’ circle with Staff Sgt. Michael Bonesteel at the helm as tank commander. His crew included Pvt. Joseph McCoy, driver, Spec. Jonathan Owens, gunner, and Pvt. Brian Moore, loader.

The skillful crews will hold this title until the next gunnery rotation, the commander said.

After crews qualify at Table VIII they continue through gunnery, eventually reaching Table XII. This is a platoon-sized event. Four Bradleys or four tanks move together through a series of engagements as a fighting team.

“This is the first collective table in the (gunnery) qualification series,” said Capt. Stephen Banks, commander of Bandit Troop, 1st AD, 1st Cav. Rgt.

Table XII requires teamwork and cross talk between vehicle crews to be successful.

“Up until this point training has been done by the individual crew,” said Sgt. Ernesto Ortiz, a Bravo Troop tank gunner. “Now we have to make sure to shoot our specific enemies and not our wingman’s. Everyone is anxious to make the kill, but we have to hold back a little.”

Following gunnery, 1st AD, 1st Cav. Rgt. transitioned to the CMTC Live Fire – the “hot” portion of the field rotation otherwise held in Hohenfels, Germany.

“The live fire is the culminating event in Grafenwoehr,” said Peeler. This time the entire troop – two tank platoons and two Bradley platoons, with field artillery support – is tested on its combat prowess.

At CMTC in Hohenfels, Soldiers and vehicles are equipped with the multiple integrated laser engagement system, or MILES gear. Combat is simulated with lasers instead of live ammunition.



**Grinning and giving a “Thumbs Up” from the turret of an M1A1 Abrams tank, Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment tankers roll toward their first engagement on Tank Table XII in Grafenwoehr, Germany.**

“What was great about our CMTC live fire, we did not have to simulate anything,” Davenport said. “We were properly resourced with appropriate ammunition and training aids during the entire rotation. When our scenario required clearing an urban area, ETC & 7th ATC staff built us an area complete with targets that popped up requiring the soldiers to identify friend or foe before engaging the target.

Davenport said this was critical after returning from OIF, because many of the soldiers would have seen anything other as a short cut in training.

“The RES and TSV provided the Squadron with easy to use devices that provided real time feedback on crew duties to TCEs/BCEs, The CSM said. “Not only did these systems show common crew errors and mistakes, they also allowed us to enhance safety awareness to crews.

The Blackhawk squadron won’t go to Hohenfels until late Spring, but as Peeler explained, CMTC tries to provide units a live fire once a year and a Hohenfels rotation every 18 months.

The live fire range presented scenarios of open-ground warfare and urban combat.

“It was a mix between major combat and the threat base we might see somewhere like Iraq,” said Peeler. “The Soldiers got to see low to high intensity (combat) all in the same day.”

Though it was their first time on the range since returning from Iraq, the Blackhawks of 1st AD, 1st Cav. Rgt. seemed at ease to jump back in to the saddles of these iron steeds.

“The squadron has done an outstanding job getting into the Grafenwoehr training environment,” Peeler said.

This success shined through, despite 90 percent of the squadron being brand new, according to Blackhawk

Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport.

“They identified weaknesses and we tried to correct the deficiencies,” Davenport said.

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**“ETC & 7th ATC is a customer oriented organization that works diligently to ensure all training objectives are met.** You can’t help but

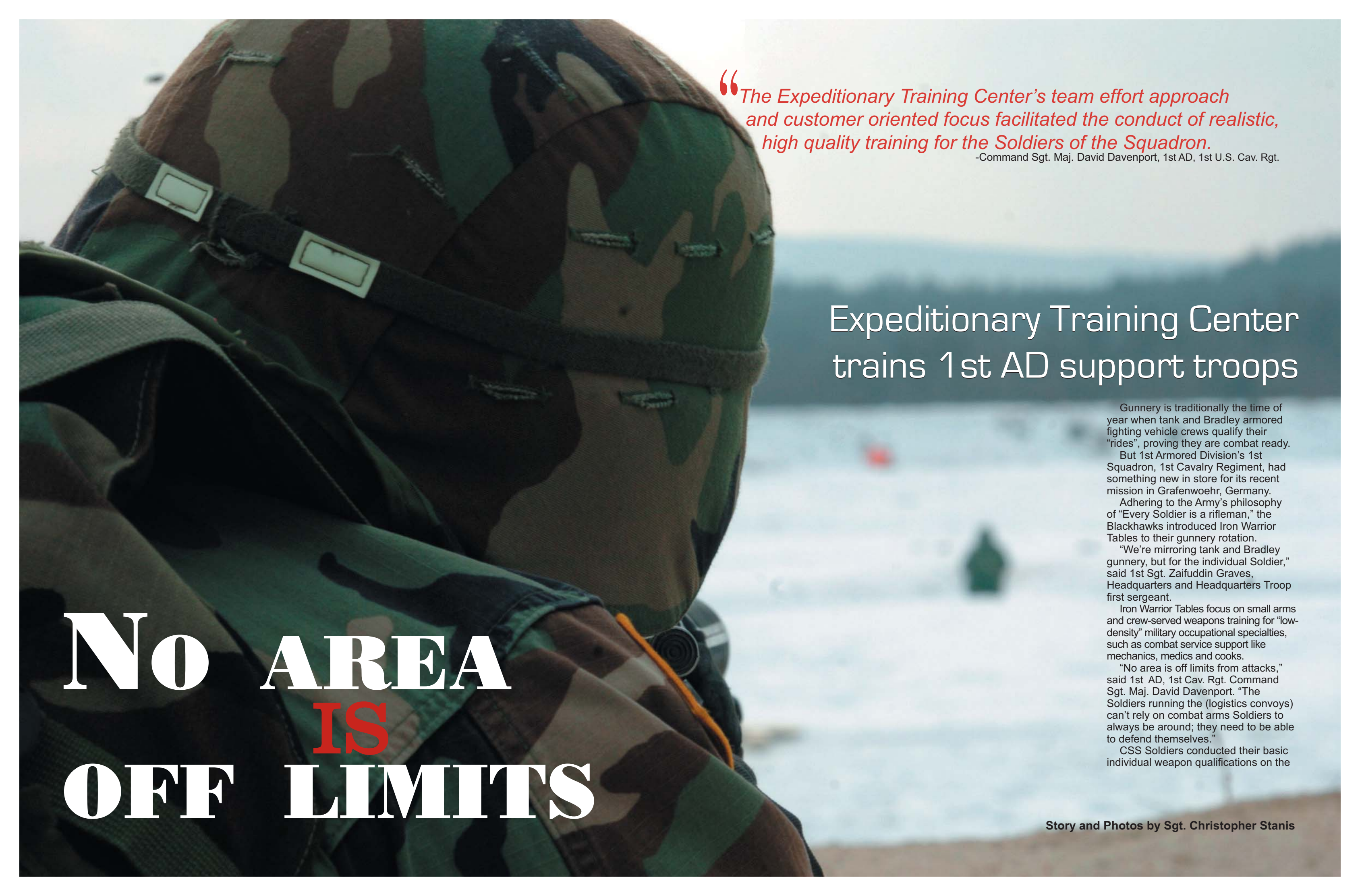
notice how technology is being consistently leveraged and training venues are being improved in the form of target upgrades and installation of advanced training systems and feedback mechanisms to ensure the training experience remains high quality well into the future,” Peeler added.

In the end, the Soldiers of 1st AD, 1st Cav. Rgt., were trained and prepared for war, the command sergeant major said.

“They know what right looks like,” said Davenport. Even for the cavalry, the road to success couldn’t be walked alone.

(Stanis is a staff writer for Ironside Magazine, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.)





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## Expeditionary Training Center trains 1st AD support troops

Gunnery is traditionally the time of year when tank and Bradley armored fighting vehicle crews qualify their “rides”, proving they are combat ready.

But 1st Armored Division’s 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, had something new in store for its recent mission in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Adhering to the Army’s philosophy of “Every Soldier is a rifleman,” the Blackhawks introduced Iron Warrior Tables to their gunnery rotation.

“We’re mirroring tank and Bradley gunnery, but for the individual Soldier,” said 1st Sgt. Zaifuddin Graves, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop first sergeant.

Iron Warrior Tables focus on small arms and crew-served weapons training for “low-density” military occupational specialties, such as combat service support like mechanics, medics and cooks.

“No area is off limits from attacks,” said 1st AD, 1st Cav. Rgt. Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport. “The Soldiers running the (logistics convoys) can’t rely on combat arms Soldiers to always be around; they need to be able to defend themselves.”

CSS Soldiers conducted their basic individual weapon qualifications on the

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Story and Photos by Sgt. Christopher Stanis



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*Pfc. Michael Burns, Co. A, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, peers around a corner and through the sights of his M9 9mm pistol, providing cover as the rest of his team prepares to advance during training at Grafenwoehr Training Area.*

M16A2 rifle, M4 Carbine and 9mm pistol. They then moved on to basic dismounted and mounted crew-served weapons training. These Iron Warrior Tables gave Soldiers like Spec. Hampton Mack their first opportunity to fire crew-served weapons. "It's not like normal training and we're not stuck in the office," the 113 Armored Personnel Carrier mechanic said. "This was a great opportunity and I'm enjoying it."

Future field rotations will include tables such as firing with both hands, reactive firing, and firing from a moving convoy, according to senior leaders in the unit.

Overall, the Iron Warrior Tables are giving Soldiers a better chance of survival in combat environments.

"If we make sure we're qualified on our weapons, when we go to (combat) we'll know how to fire them," said Sgt. Mitchell Lyons, a Bradley Armored Fighting Vehicle mechanic. "When the time comes, we won't go and get killed because of lack of training."

*(Stanis is a staff writer for Ironside Magazine, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.)*



*Iron Soldiers of Co. A, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, cover all the angles as they prepare to advance during MOUT training at Grafenwoehr Training Area. Backing up his men and observing their training is a platoon sergeant from Company A.*



*1st Lt. Brett Brenkus, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, radios to his platoon as they prepare to roll out.*



# HOT SHOTS *Historical*

Photos provided by Gerald Morgenstern

Grafenwoehr Post, 1935. Two garrison administration agency representatives transport personnel payroll from the post bank to the paymaster's office.



Grafenwoehr Town, World War II. A convoy assembles at the market place to receive movement orders. the armored scout car in the foreground is winter-camouflaged with white paint.



Grafenwoehr Post. In 1910, when this team of workmen had their picture taken, the water tower was already completed. Built in 1908 to secure the camp's water supply through a system of tanks, the 135 foot tower now serves as the platform for the AFN-TV antenna and also supports the guidance beacon of the Grafenwoehr Army Airfield.



Grafenwoehr Training Area, 1910. The commemorative plaque of the first artillery round fired in 1910. A German military historian's comments: "The old comrades must have had a good sense of humor celebrating the shortfall in this manner." The round had impacted 800 meters short of its target.



**G**rafenwoehr **T**raining **A**rea turns 95 on June 30, 2005. The training area also celebrates 60 years of German/American friendship, and the 50th year anniversary of the formation of the German Army.



Elvis Presley was in Grafenwoehr in 1958. During Elvis' short training tour at Grafenwoehr, the gate guards saw much eye blinking and had to turn away pretty girls by the dozen. "He is out on the range and cannot be reached," they would say.



# HOT SHOTS *Joint Training*



*(Left) Sgt. Salvelador Lopez, infantryman, Company B, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany, assists Staff Sgt. Grigoriy Noskov, infantry, Russian Ground Forces, with reading a map of the training area they will lead their team into during a Situational Training Exercise at Grafenwoehr Training Area. (Right) Staff Sgt. Oliver Kirkham, linguist, 105th Military Intelligence Battalion, interprets english to russian for Noskov.*

*7*or the first time in the history of the 7th Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy, six Russian and four Slovenian soldiers attended and graduated from the 7th Army NCOA Primary Leadership Development Course in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Although the soldiers were already trained NCOs within their respective armies, attending PLDC highlighted similarities as well as differences by providing invaluable opportunities to work together and learn from each other via classroom and field training.

The soldiers will take the training they have received back to their respective countries to share what they have learned with their comrades. 1st Sgt. Evgeny Muraviev, Russian Ground Forces, said some of the training his soldiers received during PLDC will be added to the Russian NCO training curriculum.



*(Center) Cpl. Jakec Zbont Arskiaba, infantryman, Slovenia Armed Forces and (right) Spec. Justin Gehringer, radio communications repair specialist, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 32nd Signal Battalion, Heidelberg, Germany, assault the enemy during a Situational Training Exercise at Grafenwoehr Training Area.*

## Photos look at U.S., RUSSIAN, SLOVENIAN SOLDIERS TRAIN TO WIN AT 7TH ARMY NCOA



*(Clock wise) Spec. Justin Gehringer, radio communications repair specialist, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 32nd Signal Battalion, Heidelberg, Germany, discusses plan of attack for an ambush with Sgt. Jenni Perez, linguist, 2nd Military Intelligence, Stuttgart, Germany, Spec. Jason Frisbie, heavy wheel mechanic, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Baumholder, Germany, and Cpl. Jakec Zbont Arskiaba, infantryman, Slovenia Armed Forces.*

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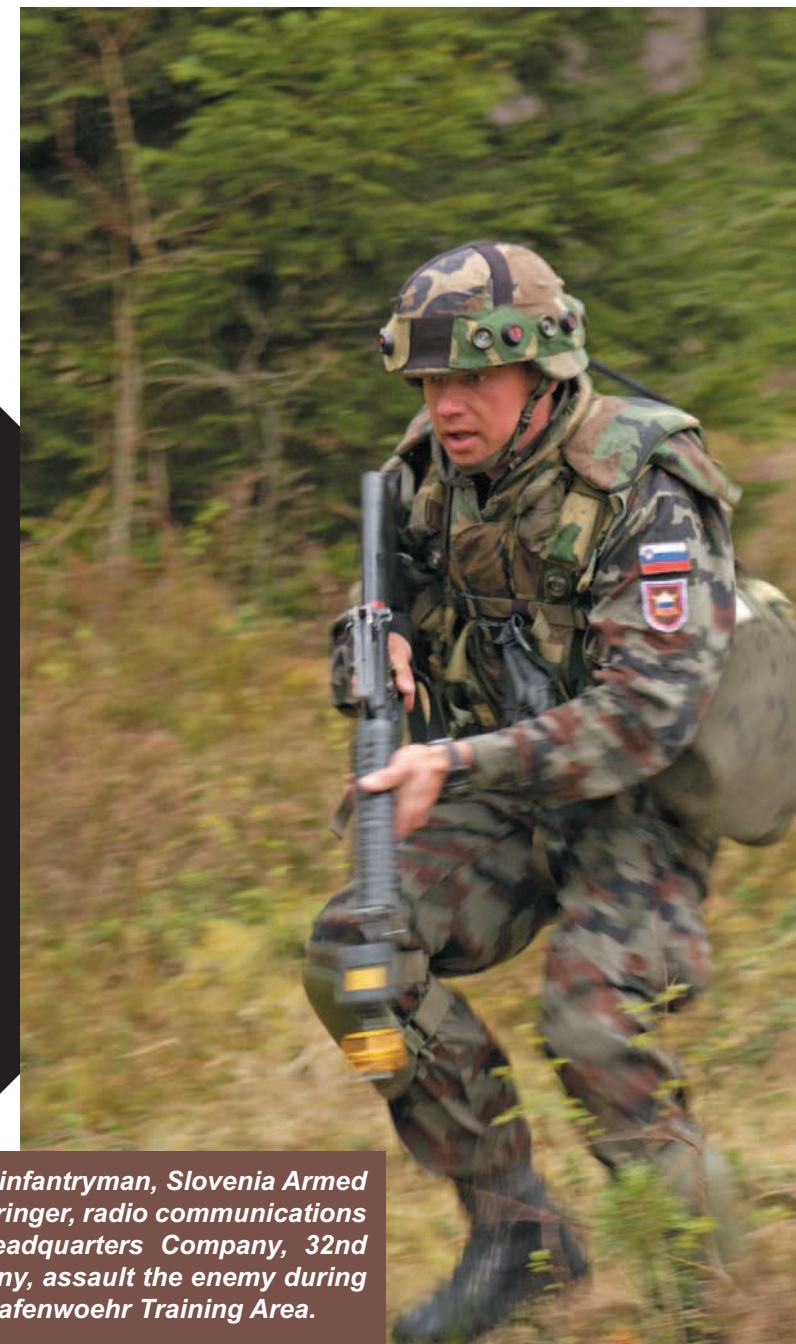
# HOT SHOTS *Joint Training*

*Spec. (P) My'kl Hendricks, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Manheim, Germany leads the way as Staff Sgt. Denis Gorokhov, Russian Ground Forces, Sgt. Aleksandr Ignaryeu, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany, and Staff Sgt. Grigoriy Noskov, Russian Ground Forces, conduct the "night walk phase" of systematic room clearing. An urban operations technique for "clearing a built up area" while training at the 7th Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Grafenwoehr, Germany, March 3- May 6.*

“Because we get such positive results and because being here has gone so successfully, we’ve got the idea that we shall probably come back.

Col. Vasilij Dynda, Russian Ground Forces

*Staff Sgt. Grigoriy Noskov Infantry, Russian Ground Forces, lead soldiers out of a building after rescuing American hostages during Situational Training Exercise while attending the 7th Army Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Grafenwoehr, Germany, March 3-May 6.*



*(Center) Cpl. Jakec Zbont Arskiaba, infantryman, Slovenia Armed Forces and (right) Spec. Justin Gehringer, radio communications repair specialist, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 32nd Signal Battalion, Heidelberg, Germany, assault the enemy during a Situational Training Exercise at Grafenwoehr Training Area.*



# NATO SF SOLDIERS TRAIN AT ETC

Story and Photos by Capt. William Linn, II



“My teams are using the latest in training enhancers, SIMMUNITION man-marking rounds for the rifles and the DISE tracking system. We get the chance to do things **HERE** that we only dream of back home.

Lt. Peter Cools, Belgian Special Forces, assigned to ISTC.

**CMTC Opposing Forces** (acting as militia extremist group) executes a **Civilian On the Battlefield** (acting as a town leader). German Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol 200 placed “eyes on” target for a period exceeding two days to provide U.S. Special Forces with information so they could link-up with them and move-in to rescue the hostages.



# NATO SF SOLDIERS TRAIN AT ETC

Who are those foreign soldiers eating in our Dining Facility?

Hohenfels, specifically Albertshof, is home to more colorful uniforms these days as Special Forces soldiers from nine NATO nations prepare to participate in this year's International Readiness Training Rotation at the Combat Maneuver Training Facility, Hohenfels, Germany.

The IRT, a capstone event for ISTC's annual training calendar, will provide an opportunity for foreign Special Forces teams to integrate with 1st Armored Division brigade operations, said Capt. William Linn, II, Patrol Unit Chief, ISTC.

According to Linn, the International Special Training Center located on von Fritsch Kaserne in Pfullendorf, Germany, plans and directs the unique multinational exercise.

"ITSC will add to the realism by serving as a functioning Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force, a command fixture for SF units operating on today's modern battlefield," he said.

The ISTC, for those unfamiliar with the Expeditionary Training Center's unique asset, is a training battalion formed under an agreement between nine NATO nations.

"Its charter is to train Special Forces personnel in a wide range of skills that include Close Quarters Battle, sniping, survival, reconnaissance, and advanced

medical subjects," Linn said. "The U.S. has been the lead nation for the ISTC since 2000 and work in direct cooperation with Belgium, Norway, Turkey, Denmark, Italy, Greece, Holland and Germany," Linn said.

Calling Southern Germany home, ISTC can also project their collective talents by way of Mobile Training Teams in an effort to bring instruction direct to the door step of member nations.

"It is easy to see how much we have improved since last year's successful rotation," said Lt. Col. W.G. Rowlett, commander, ISTC. "By standing up a Local Area Network, we have allowed the staff to operate digitally and, thereby, better replicate what these teams will see downrange in the Balkans, Afghanistan, and Iraq," he said.

Structure is such that each international team will work directly for a Task Group, consisting of ISTC personnel from that same nation. Missions, guidance, support, and assets originate from the CJSOTF, in overall command of the teams on the ground.

"We use the Military Decision Making Process throughout and emphasize the importance of Intelligence Preparation of Battlefield," Rowlett said. "A reality for our international partners in the Global War on Terror is the English language and a version of the MDMP as the accepted NATO standard for

planning," he said.

NATO troops come here to gain this experience so they can become an instant asset to a CJSOTF downrange, Rowlett said.

"As German Long Range Surveillance soldiers place eyes on target, teams in planning receive real-time intelligence concerning their objective," Rowlett reported. "Helicopters, opposing forces, and the realistic targets provided by CMTC complete the package.

For example, Rowlett explains, an Italian SF assault force inserts by helicopter to link-up with their German counterparts. Speed, violence of action, and precision write the success of the next few minutes. Days of planning, briefings, and rehearsals brought them to this point. That night's mission set, typical of several of its kind, will run continuously during the three weeks of training.

Designed to test all facets of their readiness, the valuable feedback the teams receive at IRT translates into success during combat operations months or even days from now.

"My teams are using the latest in training enhancers, SIMMUNITION man-marking rounds for the rifles and the DIS-E tracking system," said Lt. Peter Cools, Belgian Special Forces, assigned to ISTC. "We get the chance to do things here that we only dream of back home."

(Linn is the Patrol Unit Chief at ITSC, Pfullendorf, Germany.)

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-Capt. William Linn, II, Patrol Unit Chief, ITSC



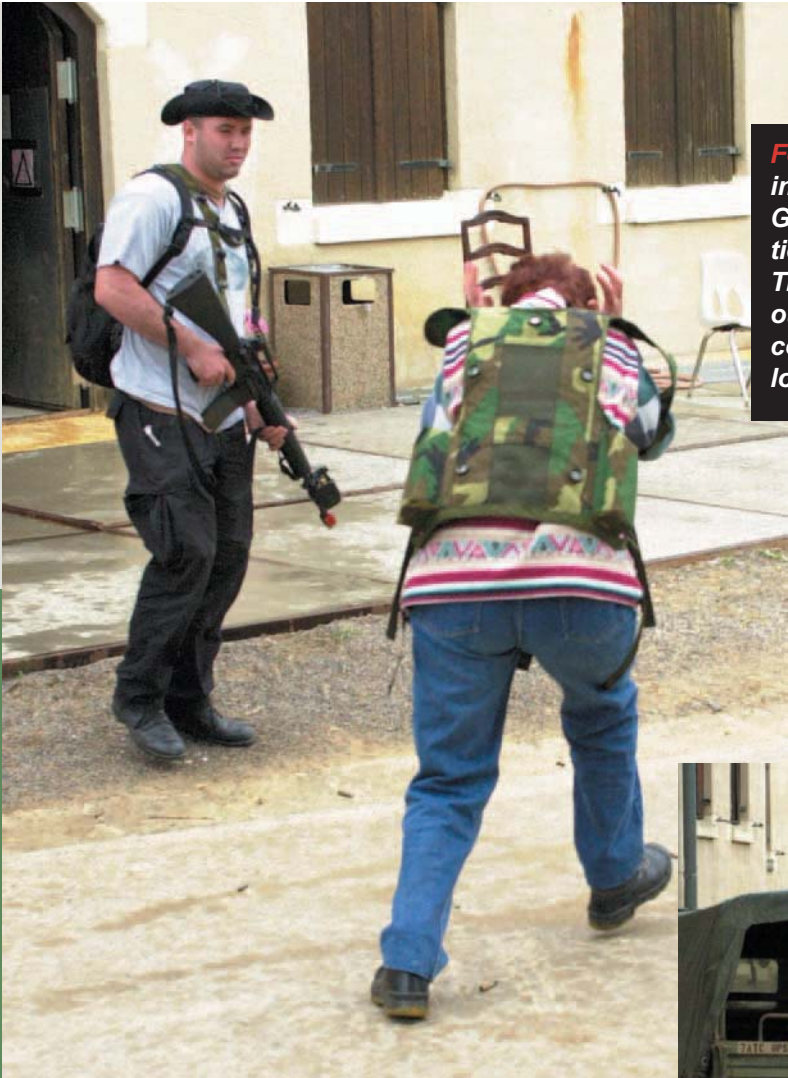
(Above and left) CMTC Opposing Forces (acting as a militia extremist group) remove a Civilian On The Battlefield's (acting as town leader) body after executing him in front of his wife. During this time, Soldiers from the German LRRP 200 are watching the horrific events and forwarding information to support U.S. SF Soldiers to coordinate a plan of action to move-in and rescue the hostages.





NATO SF SOLDIERS TRAIN AT ETC

Environmental replication is key to the successful training that takes place at the Combat Maneuver Training Center, Hohenfels, Germany. Notice the reaction of the female Civilian On The Battlefield (role-playing as a grieving wife) after just witnessing her husband's execution. Also, notice the CMTC Opposing Forces Soldiers' (acting as a militia extremists) standing by exhibiting no emotion. There are many dimensions to the training that goes on at the Expeditionary Training Center, and the replication of human emotion is part of the training, and creates a more realistic environment for Soldiers to observe and react to.



Female COB (acting as a hostage) reacts to a CMTC OPFOR Soldier's (acting as a militia extremist) harrasment during training at CMTC, Hohenfels, Germany. As you can see, replication in addition to duplication of a realistic hostile environment is one of the keys to success at the Expeditionary Training Center. Soldiers are exposed to realism in several ways throughout training. In addition to exposure to the infrastructure of a third-world country, Soldiers are exposed to the emotional and cultural aspects of the locals and learn to act in such a situation rather than react.

CMTC OPFOR Soldier's (acting as a militia extremist) chase and round-up COBs (acting as a hostages) during training at CMTC, Hohenfels, Germany.



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# ENGINEERS *dig-in*

*I*n preparation for deployment to Iraq, 54th Engineer Battalion (Combat Mechanized) made a lot of noise and sent a lot of dirt flying at the Expeditionary Training Center in Grafenwoehr, Germany throughout March.

As part of the required bi-annual Engineer Qualification Tables, the 54th Engineer Battalion's first two weeks of training focused on individual small arms and crew-served weapons qualifications, with the last week's focus being more on demolition skills at individual and squad levels.

The battalion moved from the comfort of buildings at Camp Aachen into tent camps near Range 213 for the last and most interesting part of the training.

To complete the EQTs each platoon must complete a defensive lane, a dry-fire lane, and an offensive live-fire lane where the real bangs and booms happen.

The battalion's HHC worked to make every lane as real as possible with "injects" added to the mission scenarios.

On March 21, during the defensive lane, 2nd platoon of Company C was required to set up a traffic check point.

While guarding the check point, a paper arrived for the platoon leader - in it was a written scenario about a Soldier firing into a car at the checkpoint. According to the script, two local men in the car were reaching under their seats and not responding to commands. A Soldier responded by firing a shot into the car at which time they sped away.

A few minutes after this written scenario was presented to the platoon leader, another car pulled up and a "journalist and cameraman" got out. Played by a GTA public affairs officer and a battalion soldier, they approached the platoon leader to get the story.

"Hi, I'm from the British Broadcasting Company, can you tell us about the shooting here?"

Second platoon's leader responded well, telling the facts as he knew them and relating the command message - how the Soldiers are here to protect the local area, each other, and that they

followed the procedures in place for security at this checkpoint.

This type of media training is just one aspect of the training scenarios developed by the battalion staff that took place at Grafenwoehr Training Area.

A group of COBs (acting as eight local townsmen) approached the checkpoint's wire barrier. Gesturing wildly and shouting incomprehensibly, they appeared agitated but not really dangerous. After some caveman-level communications - "cigarettes?" - "food?" - the platoon leader, 1st Lt. Dave Arroyo, determined they only wanted to pass through to the next village. But, if there were any spare cigarettes or food, they'd be happy to take those too. The local men passed on, but without any stashes of American cigarettes or MREs.

Staff Sgt. Mark Smedley stood guard while Arroyo dealt with the COBs.

Smedley has been in this situation before while deployed to Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We learn to first treat them with respect and dignity, and then try to accommodate their request, without drawing down our own supplies. Show them that we're not the enemy, that we're here to help," Smedley said. "In Bosnia and Iraq, if we could sense that the people around us weren't aggressive, we'd allow them to come closer. I've had crowds like that come to gates where I've been working. They were all friendly, mostly looking for work," he said.

About the training here, Smedley said **it's real and the COBs try their best to act like locals would.**

*(Johnson is a public affairs specialist with the 130th Engineer Brigade Public Affairs Office, Hanau, Germany. Although overall content of story remains intact, the style of the original article was edited.)*

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# ENGINEERS *dig-in*



A combat engineer from Company A, 54th Engineer Battalion, fires a M249 Squad Automatic Weapon at enemy troops in the open as the platoon prepares to conduct a Bangalore breach of an enemy wire obstacle.



**“G**rafenwoehr Training Area is the best facility to conduct the type of training we require to consider ourselves trained for combat.

—Maj. Timothy Holman, officer-in-charge, 54th Eng. Bn.

54th Engineer Battalion combat engineers conduct a manual breach of an enemy minefield using C-4 explosives and Modern Demolition Initiators.



Combat Engineers from 2nd platoon, Co. A, 54th Engineer Battalion, use their M113A3 to fire the Mine Clearing Line Charge and breach a lane through an enemy minefield to clear the way for follow-on forces.



# HOT SHOTS *Belgian Special Forces Group*

**Belgian SFG Soldiers zero-in at targets on Range 112 May 25. Belgian SFG Soldiers are training with SFG Soldiers at Grafenwoehr Training Area through June 10 and are focusing on learning more about the newly aquired F2000 weapon during three days of live-fire training.**



## BELGIAN SPECIAL FORCES GROUP *Train at ETC*



**A Belgian SFG Soldier checks his target for bullet holes made by his F2000 during weapon zeroing on Range 112 May 25. U.S. Army Soldiers from the International Special Training Center, Pfullendorf, Germany, staffed the range during the three-day live fire training.**



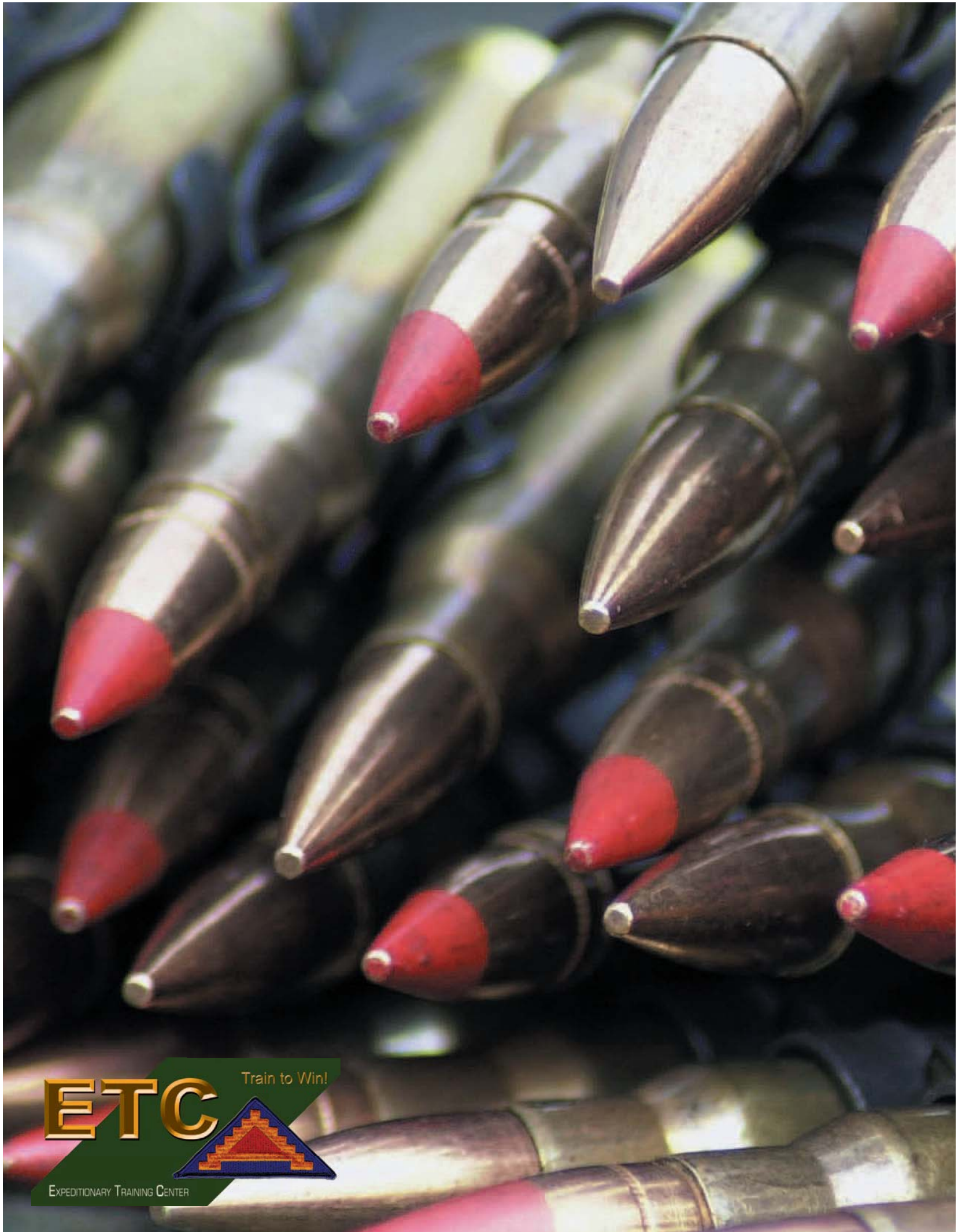
**A Belgian Special Forces Group Soldier briefs Sgt. Jeff Healey, sniper instructor, International Special Training Center, Pfullendorf, Germany, on the Belgian F2000 weapon. The Belgian SFG received these weapons just one month ago so the training at ETC is providing both U.S. Special Forces and Belgian SFG Soldiers the opportunity to become familiar with the F2000 weapon. Belgian SFG Soldiers are doing three-days of live-fire training, and will be training at the Grafenwoehr Training Area until June 10.**



**Four Belgian SFG Soldiers familiarize themselves with the newly aquired F2000 weapon on Range 112 .**







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